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## Kari Hong to Join BC Law Faculty

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Newton, MA--Boston College Law School is pleased to announce the hiring of Kari Hong as an assistant professor of law. Hong, who will join the faculty for the fall 2012 semester, previously owned her own firm with offices in Redlands and in Oakland, California, and in Portland, Oregon.

"Kari is an extremely bright and talented lawyer and professor," said BC Law Dean Vincent Rougeau. "Her addition will build upon our strengths in family law and immigration, as well as criminal defense. We're very lucky to have her, and we're looking forward to her joining the BC Law family."

Hong received her B.A. from Swarthmore College and her J.D. from Columbia Law School, where she was an editor for the Columbia Law Review and won the Samuel I. Rosenman Prize for academic excellence in public law courses and for outstanding qualities of citizenship and leadership. Before entering private practice, Hong clerked for the Honorable Jeremy Fogel, U.S. District Court of the Northern District of California and the Honorable Sidney Thomas, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Hong has prepared over 90 actions in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, representing non-citizens in immigration and asylum cases and criminal defendants accused of white collar crimes, violent felonies, and drug-related offenses. She has prepared over 40 state criminal appeals in the state of California. She's an expert in family law and marriage.

Hong's most recent legal victory before the US Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit involved a complicated question about eligibility for a form of discretionary relief from deportation, known as Section 212(c) relief. BC Law Professor Dan Kanstroom, an expert in immigration law and human rights, called the case "a great victory on an important issue."

"Kari's case involved a special kind of trial that the Ninth Circuit held was more analogous to a plea bargain than a trial on the merits. So her client may apply for relief, which could well save her from deportation," Kanstroom said.

Hong has previously taught at the University of San Francisco School of Law as an Adjunct Professor. Her course entitled "Marriage Law" examined the legal history of marriage and divorce, focusing on the legal developments that occurred in the United States from the 1800s to the present. She has also made numerous presentations and participated in panel discussions across the country. Her scholarship focuses on the parent-child relationship with a particular emphasis on how family doctrines are altered or distorted when applied in other legal areas. Her articles have been published in the California Western Law Review and the Columbia Journal of Gender and Law and have been cited by the New Jersey Supreme Court.

